

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING KATELYN
SEELEY, NATALIE PARA, AND
VICTORIA CHROSTOWSKI

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Katelyn Seeley, Natalie Para, and Victoria Chrostowski on winning the 2020 Congressional App Challenge for Arizona's 8th Congressional District. Their app, *How Are You*, asks users key questions about their emotional and physical well-being. Users can receive personalized responses based on their answers to specific questions that include tips and different forms of encouragement. The app also provides resources and guidance for individuals who may require further professional assistance.

They were inspired to create their app in order to mitigate the increasing issue of mental health, especially among those in their age group.

Katelyn, Natalie, and Victoria are all seniors at Xavier Preparatory High School in Phoenix, Arizona.

I am so honored to represent these bright young students in Congress.

IN HONOR OF DEIRDRE MARTIN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deirdre Martin as she departs from the Pacifica City Council where she served for four years, the last year as mayor. Serving as mayor of a small town is never an easy task, but it's particularly challenging during a pandemic not seen in a century. Deirdre took her responsibility to keep the residents of Pacifica safe very seriously and did a remarkable job keeping them informed with regular updates, FAQs and informational videos.

Running for city council takes true dedication to public service. Council members are paid a token amount of \$400 a month and put in long hours of meetings, calls, events, and research, often while holding a full-time job. That is true in Deirdre's case who is a senior IT project manager with the Pasha Group, a transportation and logistics management company based in Marin County. Additionally, she is raising two young children. How she found time to volunteer and serve on the council is a wonder and a testament to her passion to help others.

During her time on the council, Deirdre has accomplished much, and much of it has been informed by her environmental and social activism. She was instrumental in making Pacifica the first city in the county to ban single use plastic and in officially recognizing it

as a "Tree City USA" under the Arbor Day Foundation. Her efforts helped Pacifica receive a grant to make the new Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan a reality. Deirdre served for two years each on the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors, the Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee, the C/CAG Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Emergency Preparation Committee. She also worked closely with her colleagues and the community on the Local Coastal Plan and the General Plan of the city. A strong opponent of offshore drilling, she helped implement language that divests the city from the fossil fuel industry.

While working on environmental issues on the council, Deirdre still found time to continue her long membership in the Pacific Beach Coalition and she maintained her role as the site captain for Sharp Park Beach. I truly admire her commitment to clean air, clean water and our fight against climate change. I imagine that the last thing she ever imagined doing is to close down beaches during the COVID-19 pandemic to keep residents and visitors safe.

Deirdre is an avid advocate for government transparency, justice and equity. She has stood up for the rights of minority populations and immigrants. Motivated by the Black Lives Matter marches in protest of the killing of George Floyd this summer, she signed on to the Obama Foundation "My Brother's Keeper" Mayoral Pledge and has collaborated closely with the Pacifica Police Department and community members to create a non-biased, non-racist environment.

Pacifica, a beautiful beach town of about 40,000, has faced fiscal challenges. The Great Recession of 2007, a series of El Nino storms in 2016 and the current COVID-19 pandemic have taken a toll on the city budget. Deirdre, along with her colleagues, have worked hard to bring new revenue to the city. A short-term rental tax and a sales tax for marijuana is estimated to increase city revenue by more than \$850,000.

Madam Speaker, as Deirdre Martin is retiring from the Pacifica City Council, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her service to the residents of Pacifica and San Mateo County. She will now have fewer Zoom calls to attend and will be able to spend more time with her husband Kai Martin and their two daughters Nova and Astra. However, I am certain she will remain active and engaged in pursuit of social and environmental justice for all. It has been my honor to serve with her.

HONORING MICHAEL MILLER, SR.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and service of Michael Miller, Sr.

Michael Miller leaves behind a significant legacy of advocacy for his community of

Rodeo, California and on behalf of his brothers and sisters in labor, with Phillips 66 United Steel Workers (USW) Local 326. Mr. Miller's passion for community involvement and activism within Contra Costa County will leave a lasting impact.

Mr. Miller worked for 30 years at the Phillips 66 San Francisco Refinery in Maintenance, Oil Movements and Bulk Utilities, as well as on the Renewable Diesel project. A natural born leader, Mr. Miller served as president of USW 326 for more than 10 years, advocating at the state and federal level for 250 workers who serve as the backbone of American industry and fighting to protect wages and jobs. Mr. Miller was a strong supporter of the Phillips 66: Rodeo Renewed Project, which will continue to provide livable wage careers for the next generation of steelworkers.

Mr. Miller's dedication to his community extended beyond his work on labor rights advocacy. For over a decade, Miller donned a red suit and white beard and played Santa Claus, bringing holiday cheer at many Contra Costa County events. He also donated his time to uplift those struggling families and neighbors in his community through his work with the New Horizons Career Development Center and his community engagement work with the Bayo Vista community.

Madam Speaker, Michael Miller was the type of dedicated community member and leader we should all strive to be. His legacy leaves an opportunity for us all to become more involved in our communities and uphold the American dream. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

REFLECTIONS ON THE PROCESS
ESTABLISHED BY THE FRAMERS
FOR THE ELECTION OF THE
PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer a few brief thoughts on the process established by the Framers for the election of the President and Vice-President of the United States and the certain outcome of that process that will be known later today and ratified on in a Joint Meeting of Congress on January 6, 2021.

The impeached and electorally defeated incumbent has amassed a 98 percent failure record (1/50) in his legal challenges to the certification of electors.

Not to be outdone, the Texas Attorney General, joined by 17 Republican Attorneys General and 126 sitting Republican Members of Congress, filed a shameful, desperate Hail Mary action requesting the U.S. Supreme Court to disenfranchise 10 million voters in Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin because they claim somehow by the

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